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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PN, MORG

SUBJECT: FUTURE OF SOUTHCOM

FOR JORDEN AND BELL FROM BUNKER

1. PRESIDENT SIGNED MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FEBRUARY 24, WHICH APPROVES THE DISESTABLISHMENT OF ALASKA COMMAND AND CONTINENTAL AIR DEFENSE COMMAND. MEMO CONTAINS FOLLOWING PHRASE: QUOTE: FINAL APPROVAL TO DISESTABLISH U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF YOUR PLANS FOR ALLOCATION OF RESIDUAL FUNCTIONS. IT IS REQUESTED THEY BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 17. END QUOTE.

2. SINCE THIS LEAVES SOUTHCOM FUTURE STILL UNDECIDED, IT IS OF NO IMMEDIATE USE IN TREATY NEGOTIATION. INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH DEFENSE INDICATE EFFORT IS UNDERWAY TO RESOLVE PROBLEM CAUSED BY WORDING OF DECISION CONCERNING SOUTHCOM.

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3. I BELIEVE THAT OMISSION OF SOUTHCOM FROM ANTICIPATED  
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING OTHER MILITARY COMMAND  
CHANGES CAN BE USED TO NEGOTIATING ADVANTAGE ONCE FAVORABLE  
DECISION IS REACHED. HENCE, I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT  
NO DISCUSSION RE SOUTHCOM'S STATUS BE MADE TO PANAMA AT  
THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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